

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status. In addition, minor typographical errors have been corrected in the specification. Finally, the use claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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